

RHYMNEY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
Medical Officer of Health

AND
Public Health Inspector

FOR
THE YEAR 1970

RHYMNEY

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Council Offices,
RHYMNEY, Mon.
June, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rhymney
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Harris and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1970, which has been prepared on the lines indicated by the Ministry of Health.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The District is situated at the top end of the Rhymney Valley in the North West corner of Monmouthshire, a small portion of the upper end being in the southern extremity of the County of Breconshire.

It is separated on the West from Glamorgan and the Urban District of Gelligaer by the river Rhymney; on the east by the Tysswg Brook and the Urban District of Tredegar; on the North by Breconshire and on the South by the Urban District of Bedwellty.

It covers an area of 2638 acres and for all administrative purposes is included in the County of Monmouthshire.

The chief industry is coal mining and many of the men are employed in collieries outside the area.

Two other factories in the area, Smith's Clothing Factory and Whitbread Wales Brewery employ about 1,000, the majority being female labour.

A new factory on the Maerdy sit is expected to be completed by June, 1971 and this will employ about 40 males at the commencement.

There is a vital need for light industry and progressive measures are being made to establish further factory development.

STATISTICS

General.

Area in acres	2638
Population, Registrar General, 1970	8610
Rateable value at 31st March, 1970	£130,408
Sum represented by a penny rate	£490
Estimated number of inhabited houses	2,700
Average number of persons per house	3.2

VITAL STATISTICS

	Local Authority Area			England and Wales (Total)
	Males	Females	Total	
Estimated mid-year home population	—	—	8619	48,987,700
Live Births				
Total	53	55	108	784,482
Legitimate	52	53	105	719,738
Illegitimate	1	2	3	64,744
Still Births				
Total	1	—	1	10,341
Legitimate	—	—	—	9,297
Illegitimate	1	—	1	1,044
Total Live and Still Births				
Total	54	55	109	794,823
Legitimate	52	53	105	729,035
Illegitimate	2	2	4	65,788
Deaths of Infants Under 1 year of age				
Total	3	—	3	14,269
Legitimate	3	—	3	12,592
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,677
Under 4 weeks of age				
Total	3	—	3	9,663
Legitimate	3	—	3	8,548
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,115
Under 1 week of age				
Total	3	—	3	8,328
Legitimate	3	—	3	7,343
Illegitimate	—	—	—	985
Deaths—All Ages	73	42	115	575,208

VITAL STATISTICS

	Local authority area	England and Wales
Live birth rates, etc.		
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.5	16.0
Area comparability factor	1.00	1.00
Local adjusted area	12.5	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	0.78	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	3	8
Still birth rate.		
Still births per 1,000 total live & still births	9	13
Infant mortality rates.		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	28	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	29	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	26
Neo-natal mortality rate.		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	28	12
Early neo-natal mortality rate.		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	28	11
Peri-natal mortality rate.		
Still births and deaths under 1 week com- bined, per 1,000 total live and still births	37	23
Deaths rates, etc.—All Ages.		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	13.4	11.7
Area comparability factor	1.18	1.0
Local adjusted rate	15.8	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.35	1.0

**Table of Births and Deaths for past 20 years
and Comparisons with Rates for England and Wales**

Year	GENERAL DEATH RATE		INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE		BIRTH RATE	
	Rhymsney	England & Wales	Rhymsney	England & Wales	Rhymsney	England & Wales
1951	14.6	12.5	73.5	29.6	15.02	15.5
1952	11.8	11.3	8.06	27.6	13.7	15.3
1953	11.58	11.4	27.7	26.8	16.03	15.5
1954	11.65	11.3	38.2	25.4	14.6	15.2
1955	12.76	11.7	50.0	24.9	13.5	15.0
1956	10.8	11.7	28.9	23.8	15.69	15.7
1957	11.8	11.5	41.4	23.0	16.49	16.1
1958	12.37	11.7	51.28	22.5	17.7	16.4
1959	13.6	11.6	15.15	22.0	15.0	16.5
1960	13.04	11.5	17.75	21.7	19.2	17.1
1961	12.59	12.0	28.2	21.4	20.09	17.4
1962	14.9	11.9	23.26	20.7	19.4	18.0
1963	14.4	12.2	30.1	20.9	18.8	18.2
1964	10.7	11.3	26.4	20.0	17.4	18.4
1965	13.2	11.5	6.9	19.0	16.4	18.1
1966	12.2	11.7	25.9	19.0	17.2	17.7
1967	13.8	11.2	14.0	18.3	16.6	17.2
1968	12.5	11.9	22.0	18.0	15.6	16.9
1969	15.4	11.9	26.0	18.0	13.1	16.3
1970	15.8	11.7	28.0	18.0	12.5	16.0

INFANTILE MORTALITY

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths of Infants under One Week	3	—	23
Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks	3	—	3
Deaths of Infants under One Year	3	—	3
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			2.8.0
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			28.0
Early Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			28.0
Peri Natal Mortality Rate			37.0

Births and Deaths with Population for last 10 years.

Year		Births		Deaths		Population
1961	....	177	....	111	....	8810
1962	....	172	....	132	....	8850
1963	....	166	....	127	....	8800
1964	....	153	....	94	....	8760
1965	....	144	....	115	....	8760
1966	....	151	....	107	....	8760
1967	....	145	....	121	....	8760
1968	....	136	....	109	....	8720
1969	....	114	....	112	....	8700
1970	....	108	....	115	....	8610

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis)

Disease	Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	4	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Enteric Fever incl. Paratyphoid	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia (Primary or Influenzal)	—	—	—
Meningoccal Meningitis	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne)	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Measles	69	—	—
Encaphalitis	—	—	—
Infectious Jaundice	2	—	—
Food poisoning	—	—	—
Totals	75	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-4 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-34 yrs.	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-44 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-54 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-64 yrs.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65-74 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 & over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—

DEATHS

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS											75 and over
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74				
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc....	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach....	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ...	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
B19(10) Leukaemia ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B21 Diabetes Mellitus ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(5) Other Diseases of Nervous System	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B27 Hypertensive Disease ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	F	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

DEATHS—continued

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS										75 and over
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74			
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
B31 Influenza	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
B32 Pneumonia	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	5	—	—
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B45 Symptoms and ill Defined Conditions	F	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE48 All Other Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	F	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	73	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	17	24	19	—	—
	F	42	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	9	11	21	—	—

AREA HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Surgical Conditions

The Family Doctor arranges admission of acute emergency direct with the hospital and refers the non-urgent case to be seen as an out-patient. If considered necessary, hospitals outside the area group can be used by arrangement.

Infectious Diseases

Arrangements for admission are made through the General Practitioners and the Regional Hospital Board.

Maternity

Cases are admitted by direct arrangement with the General Practitioner and the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis

Reference by the family Doctor of patients to the Chest Specialists in attendance at the Chest Clinics for opinion, investigation, or treatment, continues as in the past. Admission to Sanatoria or Hospital are arranged through the Tuberculosis Division of the Welsh Regional Board or direct recommendation of the Chest Physician.

The Monmouthshire County Council Scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis is working very well. All contacts are working in close conjunction with the Chest Physician.

Specialist Service in the Home

The family Doctor seeks a specialist for domicillary service only if the patient is too ill to attend hospital.

Ambulance Service

The Monmouthshire County Council are statutorily responsible for the provision of an adequate service of ambulances and transport for all National Health purposes, including the transport of patients to and from hospital and inter-hospital transfers.

Convalescent Treatment

For the purpose of the National Health Service Act, Convalescence can be divided into two classes. Firstly there is convalescence which is a continuation and an integral part of hospital treatment, i.e. medical and nursing care is essential; this type of convalescence is the responsibility of the Hospital Management Committee.

Secondly there is convalescence where medical and nursing care is not required and where the patient only needs a rest holiday in suitable surroundings; the Hospital Management Committee is not empowered to provide this type of convalescence, but it is provided by the Local Health Authority (Mon. C.C.) under section 28 of the National Health Act. The present Convalescent Home is Porthcawl.

Spa Treatment

This form of treatment will be provided on prescription by the patient's Doctor supplemented by specialist recommendation. The procedure requires the hospital matron to arrange for out-patient specialist examination on production by the patient of a Medical certificate suggesting Spa treatment. Admission is then arranged (via the Hospital Management Committee) by the Regional Hospital Board to Spa Centres which are at the moment outside the Welsh Region.

Immunisation

Immunisation for Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus is carried out by the Monmouthshire County Council. Stocks of anti-sera are held at laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service for free issue to the Medical Officer of Health or to practitioners taking part in Local Health Authorities arrangements under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act.

Certain other materials of this kind not readily available from trade sources are also available through the Public Health Laboratory Service e.g. measles, serum, typhus vaccine, rabies vaccine, botulinum anti-toxin, anti anthrax serum and anti-snake venom.

Small stocks of anti-toxins may also be available at the Redwood Memorial Hospital for local use.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. DONELAN, M.B., B.CH., D.P.H.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
RHYMNEY, Mon. NP2 5XP

June, 1971

**To the Chairman and Members of the Rhymney
Urban District Council.**

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year, 1970.

Environmental Health covers the period ending 31st December, 1970, and Public Cleansing, the Financial Year, ending 31st March, 1971.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

There are two main sources of supply:

- (1) **BLAEN RHYMNEY:** This gathering ground empties into the Old Reservoir with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons and the New Reservoir with a capacity of 44,000,000 gallons. Both are the property of the Taf Fechan Water Board.
- (2) **UPPER NEUADD:** This reservoir has a capacity of 350,000,000 gallons and is the property of the Taf Fechan Water Board.

In addition to the above, about 40 properties in the Princetown area are supplied by the Gwent Water Board. On the whole the supply has been adequate and of good quality.

Number of dwellings supplied by Public Water Mains:—

- | | |
|---|-------|
| (1) Direct to houses | 2,700 |
| (2) By Stand Pipes | Nil |
| (3) Approximate population supplied | 8,610 |

**Sampling of Water,
Taf Fechan Water Board.**

Chemical Analyses:		Bacteriological Analyses:	
Raw Waters	14	Raw Waters	23
Treated Waters	9	Treated Waters	10
Filtrates	85	Samples from Distribu- tion	70
		Taf Fechan Treated Water (supplied to Rhymney Bridge)	49

During the year only one unsatisfactory bacteriological result was obtained in distribution and this was due to a fault in the chlorinating system which affected chlorination for only a short period. This was repaired and all subsequent samples have been satisfactory.

Sampling, Health Department, Rhymney U.D.C.

Number of Treated Water Samples taken	15
Number satisfactory	14
Number unsatisfactory	1

All samples taken by the Health Department are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Newport.

Drainage and Sewerage

Practically the entire area with the exception of a few out-lying farms and cottages is served by the water carriage system.

There have been the usual minor blockages but under normal conditions of rainfall the system has coped.

Final reports have now been received from the Consultant Engineers on surface and foul systems in the area and it has been resolved by the Authority that the works proposed be phased over a period of three years.

The Rhymney Urban Authority is a contributory authority to the Rhymney Valley Sewerage Board with representatives thereon.

Closet Accommodation

One cottage in the area which is not connected to the drainage system is supplied with fluid for the chemical closet by the Health Department.

Public Conveniences

Carno Hill convenience was closed during the year as a result of vandalism. There are now two conveniences in use in the area and these are also subject to constant damage.

Three part-time attendants are engaged to cleanse these toilets.

Area		Ladies W.C.'s	Gents W.C.'s	Urinals	Basins
Abertysswg	.....	2	2	1	2
High Street	.....	3	2	1	2

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

Kerb-side collection of refuse is carried out twice weekly throughout the area and midweek accumulations are collected as required from rear lanes and other sites in the area subject to illicit tipping.

A free collection of refuse other than garden and builders refuse has been in operation for several years. The public appear to be grateful for this service which helps to rid properties of bulky refuse such as mattresses and discarded furniture. It adds to the cost of cleansing but minimises illicit disposal.

The department has two 12 cub.yard dual tip vehicles and a 35 cub.yard Pakamatic is now on order for delivery in 1971.

This type of vehicle I am sure will be far more efficient in operation on the present and future type of housing estates and some economy should be achieved in it's use.

A driver and two loaders are at present employed on each vehicle and during absenteeism either through sickness or holiday periods, the vacancy is filled by street sweepers.

Refuse Disposal

The old tip at Cwm Mawr was closed during 1970. It was far too near housing development and always presented a problem with satisfactory refuse disposal.

In my report for 1968, I mentioned the need to seriously consider other means of refuse disposal such as incineration.

An incineration Joint Committee is now in being representing five urban authorities in the valley area and a Feasability Study is now in progress.

Following the closure of Cwm Mawr, a temporary site is now in operation to the north of the town. Since tipping commenced in August, 1970 there have not been any complaints. The site does lend itself to a better form of controlled tipping and covering material is available on site. A Drott International is used for levelling and covering during tipping days.

However this site has space for a limited period only, at a maximum, two years. In the meantime meetings have taken place with representatives of an open-cast site in the area and it is possible that facilities will be available for future refuse disposal at this site and until Incineration becomes a fact.

Abandoned Vehicles

These have not presented any great problems and little difficulty has been experienced in their collection and disposal.

A compound is available adjoining the Council depot for reception of abandoned vehicles if required.

Street Cleansing

The Area is divided into three hand sweeping beats and a Beford Lacre Suction Sweeper is used on main roads and to assist the manual sweepers. This machine is also used for street gully cleansing and has proved efficient and economic. The total mileage swept is 16; Classified 6.69 miles and Unclassified 9.26 miles.

Probably before 1980 the number of Council owned dwellings will be about one-third of the total dwellings in the area.

This type of new development will I feel present some problems and a change in street cleansing operations will have to take place. I envisage the use of manulectric trucks or a vehicle and mobile crew to offest the need to provide disposal and collection points for street sweepings.

Straying Animals

This nuisance is still with us and there has been no improvement although the plans outlined in my report for 1969 are proceeding.

It is expected that when our efforts are finalised there will be a minimum of nuisance caused by straying animals. This plan should be effective by 1973-74.

In the meantime our new estates are fast becoming new feeding grounds for these strays to the utter disgust and bitter frustration of the tenants.

This small urban authority of Rhymney is justifiably proud of its new Housing programme and its urban redevelopment. It's a great pity that present legislation is so manifestly weak that it imposes upon the public and the authority such a costly nuisance.

Vandalism

There has been the usual spate of vandalism again throughout the area causing damage to public conveniences, electric lighting, park areas, tree planting, pavilions and practically everything that can be damaged or completely destroyed is the target for these irresponsible persons.

Sweeping Districts

1. Upper Ward, part Middle Ward, Rhymney Bridge and Princetown.
2. Part Middle Ward and all Lower Ward.
3. Abertysswg Ward including Maerdy Crossing to McLaren Cottages.

COST STATEMENT 1970-71

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Particulars.					Totals		
Gross Expenditure.					£	s	d
(1)	Labour	....	....	....	5064	0	0
(2)	Haulage	....	....	....	3186	0	0
(3)	Plant, buildings, land	....	....	....	1145	0	0
(4)	Other items	....	....	....	33	0	0
Total Gross Expenditure					9428	0	0
Gross Income					23	0	0
Net Cost					£9405	0	0

STREET AND GULLY CLEANSING

Particulars.					Totals		
Gross Expenditure.					£	s	d
(1)	Labour	....	....	....	4277	0	0
(2)	Haulage	....	....	....	2109	0	0
(3)	Plant, equipment, buildings	....	....	....	140	0	0
(4)	Other items	....	....	....	—
Total Gross Expenditure					6526	0	0
Gross Income					607	0	0
Net Cost					£5919	0	0

Public Cleansing Staff

On the Cleansing staff are the foreman/rodent operator, three drivers, four refuse collectors, four sweepers and three part time Convenience cleaners.

HOUSING

Of the 2,700 houses in the area, approximately 800 are scheduled for demolition.

Since March, 1967, 32 Clearance Areas have been represented and 11 Compulsory Purchase Orders made. The number of dwellings in the Clearance Areas was 313 and in the Compulsory Purchase Orders, 386.

We are maintaining our programme of representing about 100 dwellings per year and by the end of 1976, all the unfit dwellings in the area will have been dealt with and the families re-housed.

162 dwellings are nearing completion on the Upper High Street site and 275 are in progress of development on the Tan-y-Bryn site.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS

Rhymney Urban Area has been declared a General Improvement Area and meetings with the public to ascertain their wishes for environmental improvement have taken place.

This policy is being energetically pursued.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

There has been an increase in the number of applications for Standard and Improvement Grants and with the new legislation it is anticipated that there will be a further increase.

It is anticipated that the Authority will be appointing a Technical Officer to carry out surveys in the "twilight areas" and to be responsible for "selling" improvement schemes to owners of all dwellings not included in the Slum Clearance programme.

HOUSING

Number of houses inspected for defects under Public Health Acts	28
Number of inspections made for the purpose	42
Number of inspections for Standard Grants	32
Number of inspections for Discretionary Grants	17
Housing Loans	17
Miscellaneous Housing visits	124
Slum Clearance Area visits	355

Housing Progress

Total number of dwelling houses in district	2,700
Total owned and controlled by Local Authority	867
Temporary	Nil
Permanent	867
Number of Local Authority houses in course of erection at end of year	128
Houses erected by Local Authority at end of year	79
Private houses in course of erection at end of year	12
Private houses erected by end of the year	12

Rent Act, 1968

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

Premises	Families re-housed	Persons re-housed
1 Castle Cottages	1	3
2 Castle Cottages	1	2
3 Susannah Houses	1	4
2 Garden Cottages	1	4
21 Field Street	1	2
Totals	5	15

Closing Orders were made on the following dwellings during 1970. These have not yet been re-housed:

- 1 and 2 Susannah Houses.
- 11 Cambrian Street.
- 26 and 27 Hill Street.

HOUSING ACT, 1957, CLEARANCE AREAS AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

C.P.O. Ref.	AREAS	No. of Clearance Areas	No. of Dwellings in Clearance Areas	No. of Families in Clearance Areas	No. of Occupants in Clearance Areas	No. of Dwellings in C.P.O.	No. of Families in C.P.O.	No. of Occupants in C.P.O.	REMARKS
1.	Plantation Street, Wellington Street	2	52	55	145	60	57	149	Confirmed, 1970
2.	Forge Street/ Hill Street	2	32	35	99	33	33	103	Represented, 1970
3.	Price Street	3	31	31	92	42	42	100	Represented 1970
	TOTALS	7	115	121	336	135	132	252	

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES

A—HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	Houses Demolished	Displaced	
		Families	Persons
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	18	18	51
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	1	1	2
NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS:			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil
B—UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957	5	5	15
(9) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957....	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil

HAWKERS OF FOOD

Monmouthshire County Council Act, 1956, Section 114.

There were no new registrations during the year.

Food and Drugs Samples, Monmouthshire County Council.

The following has been received from Mr. D. D. Lewis, M.I.W.M.A., Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Monmouthshire C.C.

Samples taken:—

Milk 18; Other Foods 10; Intoxicating Liquor 8.

The Public Analyst reported all samples to be genuine.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Intimation Notices served	11
Intimation Notices abated	7
Statutory Notices served	3
Statutory Notices abated	2

Nature of Visits:	No. of Visits
Accumulations	36
Animals	9
Drainage	27
Factories	17
General Defects	12
Sanitary Accommodation	23
Council Houses	7
Interviews	76
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	11
Public Conveniences	45
Rats and Mice (Visits by Public Health Inspector)	25
Refuse Collection	17
Refuse Disposal	77
Scrap Metal Dealers	2
Street Cleansing	299
Water Supply — Domestic	2
Licensed Premises	20
Hairdressers	11
Total	716

REGISTRATION OF HAIRDRESSERS

Monmouthshire C.C. Act, 1956.

There were no new registrations during the year.

Number on register at end of the year:—

Ladies 7; Gents 4.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

Standard and Discretionary Grants

	Discretionary	Standard
Bathrooms	6	6
Hot and cold water supplies	6	6
Wash-hand Basins	6	6
Internal Water Closets	6	7
Suitable food storage	4	
Sink Units	5	
New Kitchens	5	

Amount:

Number of Standard Grants approved	7	£1,487	0	0
Number of Discretionary Grants approved	6	£4,109	0	0
Number of Housing Loans	10	£12,970	0	0

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD (GENERAL) HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Routine inspection of all food premises was carried out during the year. The majority of these premises are of the domestic type or small family businesses.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Premises	Number	Number of Visits
Butchers	6	9
Canteens	5	9
Fried Fish and Chips Shops	5	8
Grocers and General Dealers	21	40
Food Preparers	2	8
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	2	6
Icecream Manufacturers	2	19
Cafes and Snack Bars	4	12
Registered Clubs	11	12
Public Houses	8	12

All the above premises comply with the requirements of Sections 16 and 19 of the Regulations.

SAMPLING

Milk

	Pasteurised	Homogenised	Satisfactory
No. taken—10:	5	5	10

Ice-Cream

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
No. taken—16:	12	4	Nil	Nil

There is one Heat-treated wholesale manufacturer and one Cold-Mix manufacturer in the area. The majority of the vendors retail pre-packed ice-cream of the larger manufacturing distributors.

Unsound Food surrendered and condemned

Assorted packets and tins	5
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Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was reported during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

PROPERTY OTHER THAN SEWERS	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
APRIL, 1970		
1. Number of properties in District	3251	3
2. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following modification	110	3
Number infested by Rats	96	3
Number infested by Mice	14	Nil
3. Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice other than notication	12	Nil
Number infested by Rats	12	Nil
Number infested by Mice	Nil	Nil
4. Were any sewers infested by Rats during the year	Yes	

SUMMARY FOR TREATMENT OF RATS IN SEWERS

	First Treatment June, 1970	Second Treatment Dec., 1970
1. Number of manholes treated	116	118
2. Number showing "takes"	48	19
3. Poison used in system	Warfarin	Warfarin

DISINFESTATION

209 premises were treated with DDT products during the year:— Ants 128; Black Beetles 79; Furniture Beetles 2.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

PART 1

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	NUMBER OF		
		Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	21	Nil	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding outworkers premises	2	2	Nil	Nil
Total	17	23	Nil	Nil

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which pros- ecutions were in- stituted
Want of Cleanliness ...	2	2	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable Temp. ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate Vent. ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient ...	2	2	1	1	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defect- ive ...					
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offenc- es relating to Outwork) ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL ...	4	4	1	1	NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS
TABLE 'A'

TOTALS	Nil	29	29
Offices	Nil	6	6
Retail shops	Nil	19	19
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	Nil	3	3
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
(1) Class of premises	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total Number of registered premises at end of the year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS
BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE "B"

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ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN ESTABLISHED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

TABLE 'C'

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
Offices	21
Retail Shops	31
Wholesale departments, warehouses	3
Catering establishments open to the public	13
Canteens	NIL
Fuel storage depots	NIL
Total	68
Total Males	19
Total Females	49

Five notices were served during the year concerning cleanliness, the provision of thermometers, First Aid Boxes and hot water.

All were complied with.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members and staff for their willing co-operation and help during the year.

Yours faithfully,

K. O. BATTEN,

Public Health Inspector.

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